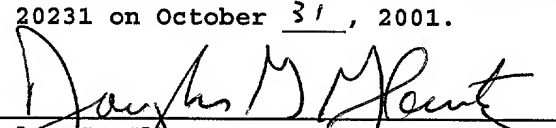


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In re application of:

Serial No.:)	Group Art Unit:
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows.

On page 1, on the first line after the title, insert --This patent application is a Division of prior, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/113,981, filed July 28, 1998--.

On page 2, line 13, after "structures" and before "Complimentary", insert --are--.

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On page 7, line 3, after "5,346,627," and before "a", delete "discloses" and insert therefor --disclose--.

On page 8, line 22, after "Example 3" and before "a", delete "passes" and insert therefor --pass--.

On page 9, line 3, after "3,914,374," and before "a", delete "discloses" and insert therefor --disclose--.

On page 13, line 13, after "peroxide" and before "catalytically" delete "(H₂O₂," and insert therefor --(H₂O₂)--.

On page 14, line 11, after "and" and before "for" insert --process--.

On page 15, line 11, after "at" and before "concentration" delete "a".

On page 15, line 12, after "(500-2000 ppm)" and before the end of the line, insert a period.

On page 19, line 25, at the beginning of the line and before "characteristics" delete "as- received" and insert therefor --as-received--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows.

Please cancel Claims 1-11 and 20 without prejudice.

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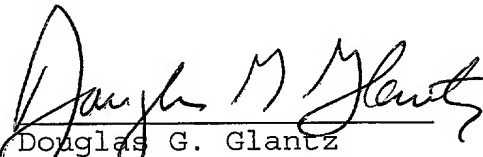
Reconsideration of this application is requested.

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